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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** Shibuya et al.

**SERIAL NO.:** 09/666,152

**EXAMINER:** L. Stockton

**FILED:** September 20, 2000

**GROUP:** 1626

**FOR:** NOVEL AMIDE COMPOUNDS AND MEDICATIONS CONTAINING THE SAME

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Sir:

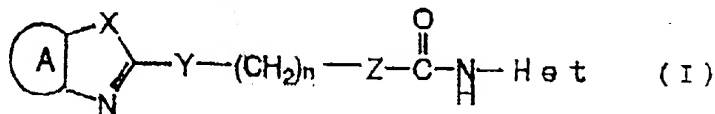
**AMENDMENT**

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated March 4, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

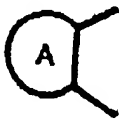
**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly amend claims 9-13 and 15-18 such that they read as follows:

9. Compounds represented by the formula (I)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, pyridine, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group: